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Nkomo rejects Salisbury call

LUSAKA, May 3 (R). — Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo today rejected a ceasefire call from the multi-racial interim government in Salisbury, saying it was an insult to suggest that he might join the new administration. But, in an interview with Reuters, he left the door open to continued negotiations with Britain for a settlement that transferred power to the breakaway colony's 6.8 million blacks. Mr. Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance with Mr. Robert Mugabe, was commenting on yesterday's call by the interim government for the Front's guerrillas to lay down their arms.

West Bank occupation commander fired

TEL AVIV, May 3 (Agencies). — Brig. Gen. David Haguel, Commander of the Israeli Military Government in the occupied West Bank, has been dismissed from his post, the Defence Ministry announced last night. His dismissal followed an incident in which Israeli occupation troops threw tear gas grenades in an Arab school near Bethlehem. The official announcement said that Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman had ordered an investigation into the incident at Beit Jallah, where Israeli soldiers dispersed a demonstration against the Israeli invasion of south Lebanon. They were reported to have burst into a school, shut pupils in a class room and then thrown tear gas grenades, forcing the pupils to jump out of a second storey window. The military commander of the occupied West Bank city of Bethlehem is to be court martialled along with his deputy, the Defence Ministry announced Tuesday. Some of the pupils suffered broken limbs. At first the military command denied the story, saying standing orders never allowed Arab schools were entered. But after an investigation, the version told by the students turned out to be essentially true, military officials said. The Bethlehem officers, Lt. Col. Nathan Ron and Major Nissim M. Cohen, had broken the rules and mistreated Haguel, for his part, allegedly failed to investigate the incident. It was the first time punitive action had been taken against such high-ranking officers for excessive force against Palestinian demonstrators. Sources said Weizman and Israel's tough new Chief of Staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, were particularly angered by what they considered an attempt to cover up the incident. Their displeasure grew when reports leaked out Tuesday, apparently from the military government, that Cohen alone would be disciplined. This was seen as a last-minute attempt to head off the stiff action planned by Weizman.

Cuba will give PLO military aid, Magazine claims

CAIRO, May 3 (R). — Cuba has secretly agreed to supply the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with military aid, the Egyptian weekly magazine Akhbar Saa said today. Quoting Palestinian sources, Akhbar Saa said PLO representatives had visited Havana to discuss details of the agreement, signed recently, under which Cuba would provide the PLO with arms and military equipment. Akhbar Saa reported that Cuba had expressed readiness to send military units to fight with Palestinians in southern Lebanon. Cuban experts would also train Palestinians in guerrilla warfare, the magazine said.

All communist cabinet in Kabul

KABUL, Afghanistan, May 3 (AP). — All 21 members of the new Afghanistan cabinet named by the ruling Revolutionary Council are members of the formerly outlawed Communist Party, authoritative sources reported. Three military officers and a woman doctor sit on the cabinet. The Council Chairman Noor Mohammad Taraki, the Communist Party leader who worked 15 years as a U.S. embassy translator, has been named prime minister. The number two man in the Council, its Deputy Chief Mabar Karzai, was given the post of assistant to the Prime Minister. Two coup leaders were rewarded with cabinet seats, sources said. Army Maj. Mohammad Aslam, also known as Aslam Watanjar, who reportedly led the initial armed attack on President Mohammad Daoud's residence last Thursday, was made Second Deputy Prime Minister and Communications Minister. The new Defence Minister is Air Force Lt. Col. Abdul Qadir, who called in airborne rocket attacks during the coup.

U.S.-Soviet joint declaration is only "healthy way" to peace, Badran tells Czech Minister

AMMAN, Jordan, May 3 (Agencies). — Premier Mudar Badran said today the only "healthy way" to bring about a Middle East settlement would be on the basis of last October's joint U.S.-Soviet declaration. Badran's statement came in the midst of intense Arab criticism of U.S. President Jimmy Carter's renewed rejection of an independent Palestinian state. Addressing the visiting Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek, Badran said the joint U.S.-Soviet statement "is the only way out of the obstacles currently impeding the peace initiative." The joint U.S.-Soviet declaration called for the withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from Arab territories occupied in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war resolution of the United Nations to assure "the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people," setting up demilitarized zones under United Nations supervision and participation of the U.S. and the Soviet Union in international guarantees of new borders. The visiting Czechoslovak foreign minister reiterated his country's support for the just struggle of the Arab people against Israeli aggression. He also said his government does not accept Israeli Premier Menachem Begin's concept of peace in the area. During the meeting Mr. Choupek and Mr. Badran renewed bilateral relations. Economic agreements Mr. Choupek also met today with H. H. Crown Prince Hassan and Minister of State



His Highness Crown Prince Hassan (head of table) listens to Czechoslovak Foreign Minister Bohuslav Choupek (third from right) during a meeting at the Royal Court on Wednesday. (JNA photo)

for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim. Prince Hassan welcomed the increasing commercial cooperation with Czechoslovakia and the COMECON countries and called for conclusion of economic agreements between Jordan and Czechoslovakia to promote cooperation. During his meeting with the visiting Czech Foreign Minister, the Crown Prince reviewed the Middle East events and Jordan's role vis-a-vis these events. He also explained the economic role played by Jordan in developing Arab countries through exporting talents and technical know-how, in addition to efforts being made to raise the living standard of the people of Jordan by implementation of economic and social projects. Prince Hassan pointed out that Jordan seeks to benefit from other peoples experience in evolving its own experiment. The Czech minister expressed his country's desire and readiness to increase trade exchanges with Jordan, particularly the import of Jordanian phosphates and other products. He also expressed Sweden's support to Arab peoples struggle against the Israeli occupation and to efforts for bringing peace to the Middle East. Earlier, the visiting Czechoslovak minister held a meeting with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim and discussed the Middle East problem and reviewed world issues, especially those on the agenda for the forthcoming U.N. general assembly session. They also discussed bilateral relations and agreed to increase bilateral trade, a source at the foreign ministry said.

Top U.S. foreign policy, defence officials plead M.E. arms deal case

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP). — Top U.S. administration foreign policy and defence officials told Congress today that the sales of jet fighters to Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Israel are "vitally important" to U.S. Middle East policy. "Failure to proceed with the sales will seriously undercut the American role in the peace process," Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Defence Secretary Harold Brown followed Vance and told the committee that sale of the aircraft is "essential to assure the survival and vitality of U.S. security interests in the Middle East."

Vance and Brown led off the administration testimony at the formal opening of its campaign to win Congressional support for the sales, which face opposition on Capitol Hill. On Tuesday, 22 of the 37 members of the International Relations committee of the House of Representatives joined in introducing a resolution to reject the entire proposal.

Congressional opponents of the administration's plan to sell advanced jets to the three

nations have been pressuring the administration, so far without success, to alter its proposal. Minority leader Howard H. Baker Jr. told reporters shortly before the Foreign Relations Committee hearing that "there ought to be some flexibility" to enable Congress and the White House to reach an agreement on the sales. While saying he saw "some signs" of flexibility, Baker said he could not point to any specific instance. Turning to Congressional concern over the security of Israel, Vance told the committee that "our commitment to Israel's security and wellbeing is an enduring imperative of American foreign policy."

Saudi defence The Carter administration "will remain unshaken in its determination to help Israel meet its security requirements," Both Vance and Brown said

Begin keeps to hard line

CHICAGO, May 3 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin vowed today that Israel would never withdraw to its pre-1967 boundaries nor allow an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank. In a stinging, hard-line speech to local Jewish leaders, he declared: "We will not accept those two demands ... nobody will dictate to us demands unacceptable."

U.N. General Assembly calls for S. African pullout from Namibia

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R). — The General Assembly today called for South Africa's unconditional withdrawal from Namibia (South West Africa) and recommended economic sanctions to back up its demand. By 119 votes to none with 21 members abstaining, the world body adopted a declaration and plan of action at the final meeting of a special 10-day session on the long-standing Namibia problem. No mention was made in the lengthy document of efforts by the five western members of the Security Council to work out a settlement acceptable to the international community. The proposals by the U.S., Britain, France, Canada and West Germany have been accepted by South Africa, which rules Namibia under a mandate originally issued by the League of Nations. Further talks with the other principal party, the South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO), are to be conducted by the western five beginning on Friday.

UNIFIL goes on "Red Alert" after three killed and 12 wounded in overnight battle

TYRE, Lebanon, May 3 (Agencies). — U.N. peacekeeping forces went on "Red Alert" in south Lebanon today, after guerrilla assaults left two French paratroopers and one Senegalese soldier dead and 12 wounded including the commander of the French U.N. contingent. A spokesman for the French command in Tyre said this was the final casualty toll, dispelling the confusion in figures released by the U.N. headquarters in New York and U.N. spokesmen in Beirut.

Capt. Jean Menegaux, the press officer of the French contingent told reporters at his barracks on the southern of this Biblical city that most of the wounded were Frenchmen. He was not aware that a British civilian with the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) was reported missing in the Tyre vicinity by U.N. sources in Beirut. Menegaux said the bodies of the three killed were recovered during the night and that the previously reported missing Frenchmen were all found wounded. They were helicoptered to clinics in Naqoura, a Lebanese village overrun by Israel during its March 15 invasion of south Lebanon, and in the Israeli Mediterranean city of Haifa.

Maximum alert U.N. sources said UNIFIL's French, Senegalese, Iranian, Nepalese, Swedish and Norwegian troops, totally 3,992, were ordered to return fire from any source and forcefully prevent guerrilla infiltration across their lines toward Israeli-held territories in the south. The sources said a Red Alert means the U.N. troops are on maximum alert and around the clock combat readiness. The sources said the orders came from U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, who as UNIFIL commander Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Erskine to cut short a visit to New York and fly back to south Lebanon.

Waldheim was also reported to have telephoned Palestinian guerrilla leader Yasser Arafat in Beirut overnight and urged his fullest cooperation to control radical elements in the south. It was difficult to ascertain which Palestinian or Lebanese group mounted the ambush and mortar assaults on the French forces from sundown until midnight in and around Tyre, 80 kms. south of Beirut.

Bazookas French television reported that the commander of the French contingent, Col. Jean-Germain Salvan, wounded yesterday in an ambush, appealed to his men today to restrain their reactions.

"Especially, I don't want anyone to start trying to avenge me, tell my kids there's enough trouble in Lebanon already," he was quoted as saying from his Beirut hospital bed. Col. Salvan's unit, the third marine infantry parachute regiment, is made up of professional soldiers who have often expressed strong attachment to their commander. A film of the paratroops made by French television showed that their armament had been strengthened since they first arrived in Lebanon with defensive weapons only. The film clip showed them to be equipped with armour-piercing bazookas. Shortly after noon Salvan was removed by ambulance

from a Palestinian Red Crescent clinic to the French Hotel Dieu De France Hospital in the Christian sector of Beirut for further treatment. The wounded colonel, with oxygen bulbs inserted into his nose, was quickly carried on a stretcher from the unescorted ambulance to hospital. A U.N. spokesman said Salvan sustained five gunshot wounds in the hips and legs that caused multiple fractures. He told reporters two surgeons from the American University of Beirut hospital were brought overnight to the Palestinian hospital to operate on Salvan. "Most of the bullets have been removed and the colonel is out of the critical list" the spokesman said.

French U.N. commander shot on way to stop battle in PLO vehicle

TYRE, Lebanon, May 3 (R). — Capt. Jean Menegaux, a French U.N. officer told Reuters today. Ten minutes later a U.N. truck carrying food supplies in the area was destroyed by a rocket-propelled grenade and an accompanying jeep was sprayed by automatic weapons fire, he said. The colonel immediately broke off the peace talks and led a strong force into the countryside to investigate the incident. Capt. Menegaux said the U.N. troops came under heavy fire, reinforcements went out and fighting spread quickly over a large area. "They were hitting us from several buildings as well as from camouflaged positions in the orange groves," he said. "In the first few minutes, I saw one of our armoured cars exploding in flames after being hit by a rocket."

At the same time, a French soldier was killed when the barracks was hit by rocket and mortar fire, he said. After almost two hours, PLO officials appealed for a ceasefire and Colonel Salvan agreed to drive with them to the front-line to implement it. Capt. Menegaux said the colonel was standing in the back of a PLO truck with a Palestinian liaison officer when it was ambushed about 400 metres from the barracks. All the occupants of the vehicle were wounded and a French soldier in a U.N. jeep driving behind was killed, he said. PLO medical officers took the Col. to a Palestinian hospital in Beirut for an emergency operation. Capt. Menegaux said the Senegalese soldier was shot dead as he was driving down the main coastal highway from Beirut.

French peacekeeping forces in Lebanon, reliable sources said today. The French contingent now numbers about 1,000 men and is the largest single national unit with the U.N. force there. The extra 500 French troops for Lebanon would probably be drawn from France's overseas intervention force made up largely of professional soldiers. The intervention force is building up its strength in the African Republic of Chad where a revolt by Moslem Touareg tribesmen of the Frontlibre movement is threatening the Christian, pro-French government.

France prepared to send 500 more troops

PARIS, May 3 (R). — France is prepared to send 500 more men to reinforce its contingent serving with United Nations

As U.N. helicopters swept down on the French barracks here today to evacuate the wounded, Captain Menegaux gave a detailed account of the fighting. He said Col. Salvan and PLO leaders met in the barracks at

King Khaled says Arabs should not expect "equity" from either East or West

KUWAIT, May 3 (R). — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia was quoted today as saying Arabs should not expect equity for their position in the Middle East situation from either East or West. In an interview published by the Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Siyasah, the king said solidarity between Arab countries "was capable of doing everything. We should not expect equity from either the East or the West." The paper said the interview was arranged in Geneva, where the Saudi monarch is undergoing medical treatment. In an apparent reference to the pro-communist military coup in Afghanistan and continuing conflicts in the Horn of Africa, the king said it was "regrettable that the Western World, including his powers, is too preoccupied with its domestic problems at a time when many variables are emerging in a number of countries which enjoy geographically-important locations in Central Asia and the Horn of Africa." Asked to comment on anti-government troubles in Iran, the Saudi monarch said he thought that the Shah had the situation under control. "Our information confirms that the Shah was enjoying a strong and wise administration in his country. It seems that what has happened has happened under the Shah's sight and hearing. The man is experimenting a form of rule that will provide more opportunities to all trends in his country," he said. This did not mean that the Gulf area has ceased being "a target for international ambitions which do not want well-being of the region," he added.

Foreign Legion

A part of the force consists of French Foreign Legionnaires who are being sent to Chad. Informed sources said it was doubtful that the Legionnaires, who are generally not Frenchmen, would be sent to Lebanon but that para-troops or marines might be sent instead. French Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud today deplored the guerrilla attack in Lebanon on French members of the United Nations force in which two French soldiers died. "It is regrettable that while carrying out their mission the French contingent came under fire from some irresponsible people," Mr. de Guiringaud told reporters after today's cabinet meeting.

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Overdoing the flag-waving

We're a bit confused again, which in itself would not be great cause for editorial comment, were it not for the fact that our confusion stems from the latest statements by President Carter over the weekend. In an interview with the New York Times syndication service, on the occasion of Israel's 30th anniversary celebrations, Mr. Carter was more emphatic than usual in making clear his opposition to a Palestinian independent state in the West Bank, as well as his belief that a permanent Middle East peace settlement would be based "substantially" on the proposals for Palestinian home-rule put forward by Israel's Premier Menachem Begin, which include giving Palestinians the choice of only Israeli or Jordanian citizenship.

This is not the time to get into an argument with either Mr. Carter or Mr. Begin on the rights or wrongs of those premises. It is not our intention, or our right, to suggest whether the Palestinians should have an independent state or one hooked up in a federation with anybody the Palestinians want to hook up with on a reciprocal basis. Similarly, it is none of our business to say whether the Palestinians choose Israeli or Jordanian or any other citizenship. These are all matters that have to be settled in negotiations among the Palestinians, the Israelis and the other Arab states.

What we do object to, however, is Mr. Carter's presumptuousness in being so emphatic in his suggestions about the form of a final settlement. To view a final peace based "substantially" on Mr. Begin's proposals is to be substantially very far away from a final peace of any enduring validity or legitimacy. To deny the Palestinians their right to a process of full self-determination in which they can choose to federate with New Jersey, if they so wish, is to fix unnatural perimeters to an organic peace-making process that needs flexibility above all else to gain momentum and achieve results.

To make things more confusing, we are told, via President Sadat of Egypt, that the American position really has not changed at all. So why does Mr. Carter make these statements that only muddle the already murky waters of Middle East diplomacy?

If Mr. Carter wants to wave the flag on the 30th anniversary of Israel's creation, he can do so without creating more unnecessary ill-will and confusion. It is hard to see how his latest statements add to the quest for peace, or to the delicate American role as a vital mediator.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RAI took the 25th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assumption of his constitutional powers as the subject for its commentary Wednesday.

Hailing the King's leadership, the newspaper recalled His Majesty's untiring endeavours throughout the past quarter of a century to make Jordan a democratic and constitutionally-governed state that would assume its appropriate place among the nations of the world.

King Hussein's loyalty to the constitution, law and consultation, coupled with his patriotism and forbearance, has been a guarantee for Jordan's tranquility and stability, the newspaper pointed out.

AL DUSTOUR advises President Anwar Sadat not to rush into the resumption of bilateral negotiations with Israel before the proposed Arab summit meets. The newspaper was referring to an insinuation by the Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin in the United States Tuesday that a development towards these negotiations would be discussed shortly.

At the same time Al Dustour welcomes President Sadat's expression of readiness, in his May Day speech Tuesday, for the resumption of diplomatic relations between Egypt and the Arab States (Rejection) Front states. It is also gratified at the president's voiced support for Arab solidarity and for the convening of an Arab summit and for renewing his commitment to a comprehensive Middle East solution and to safeguarding the Palestinian people's right to self-determination in their own land.

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Royal Scientific Society places emphasis on adapting "appropriate" technology

By Ian Kellas
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 — The Royal Scientific Society (RSS) is shifting its emphasis away from prestigious science towards low technology and small scale production, Dr. Albert Butros told the Jordan Times last night.

He was speaking at the end of a comprehensive review of the work of the RSS delivered at the British Council, in which he laid emphasis on the close links that the society was developing with industry in Jordan. The RSS, he said, "does not aim to unravel the secrets of nature. ... Its approach is basically practical, pragmatic and mission-oriented." The primary objective of the society, Dr. Butros declared, is "serving the process of industrialisation and economic and social development."

Dr. Butros believes that the RSS should not concentrate its research in fields where technology is rapidly changing. Instead it should apply its limited resources to adapting "appropriate" technology from abroad.

Giving an example of the sort of research that the RSS would avoid in future, Dr. Butros mentioned the walkie-talkies which the society had developed. The final products, he said, were very sophisticated, but Jordao could not ultimately support a walkie-talkie industry in competition with foreign manufacturers. It would be more sensible, for instance, to encourage the establishment of an economically viable industry for processing fruit juices, he said.



Dr. Albert Butros

The RSS itself cannot engage in large-scale production, but it could usefully produce limited quantities of specially ordered equipment, Dr. Butros suggested. The society's newly developed "Minilab", for instance, has been produced with the limited needs of Jordan's training institutions in mind. Containing a signal generator, a DC power supply and a volt-ammeter, the Minilab incorporates relatively low-level technology, but because of its flexibility it is likely to prove cheaper than imported equipment.

Research at the society has also been conducted -- for instance -- in low cost solar heaters and in diesel burners for use in bread ovens.

The RSS should be designing things that can be made in the local blacksmith's shop, Dr. Butros went on, rather than competing in the field of high technology.

Apart from research, Dr. Butros outlined in his lecture three main objectives for the society: the provision of services and of information and the formulation of science and technology policy. The RSS tries to stimulate the establishment of new industries in the country, but it also serves existing ones -- in particular the medium and small scale industries which perceive the importance of research and development, but lack the facilities to do their own.

The RSS carries out a range of laboratory tests on metal strength, for instance, or food quality. Services on offer also include economic feasibility studies, the maintenance and calibration of mechanical and electronics equipment and the use of the society's computers for accounting, for systems an-



The Library of the Royal Scientific Society pictured while still under construction.

alysis and even for the training of computer operators.

Increasingly, the society's relations with industry are being governed by formal contracts and the revenue from this is increasing "dramatically" and will account this year for 25 per cent of the society's running costs.

Other countries within the region are beginning to show interest in using the RSS as a technological services centre. The Building Materials Research Department has been specifically designated by the Arab League as a regional centre.

Recognising the need to sift and organise the technological information which is available in Jordan, the RSS is busy developing its information services. It already has a library of 30,000 books and subscribes to 900 journals. It is now planning to draw up and distribute tables of contents of specialised journals, and this may even be computerised at a later stage. The Economics Department is also preparing an economic data bank.

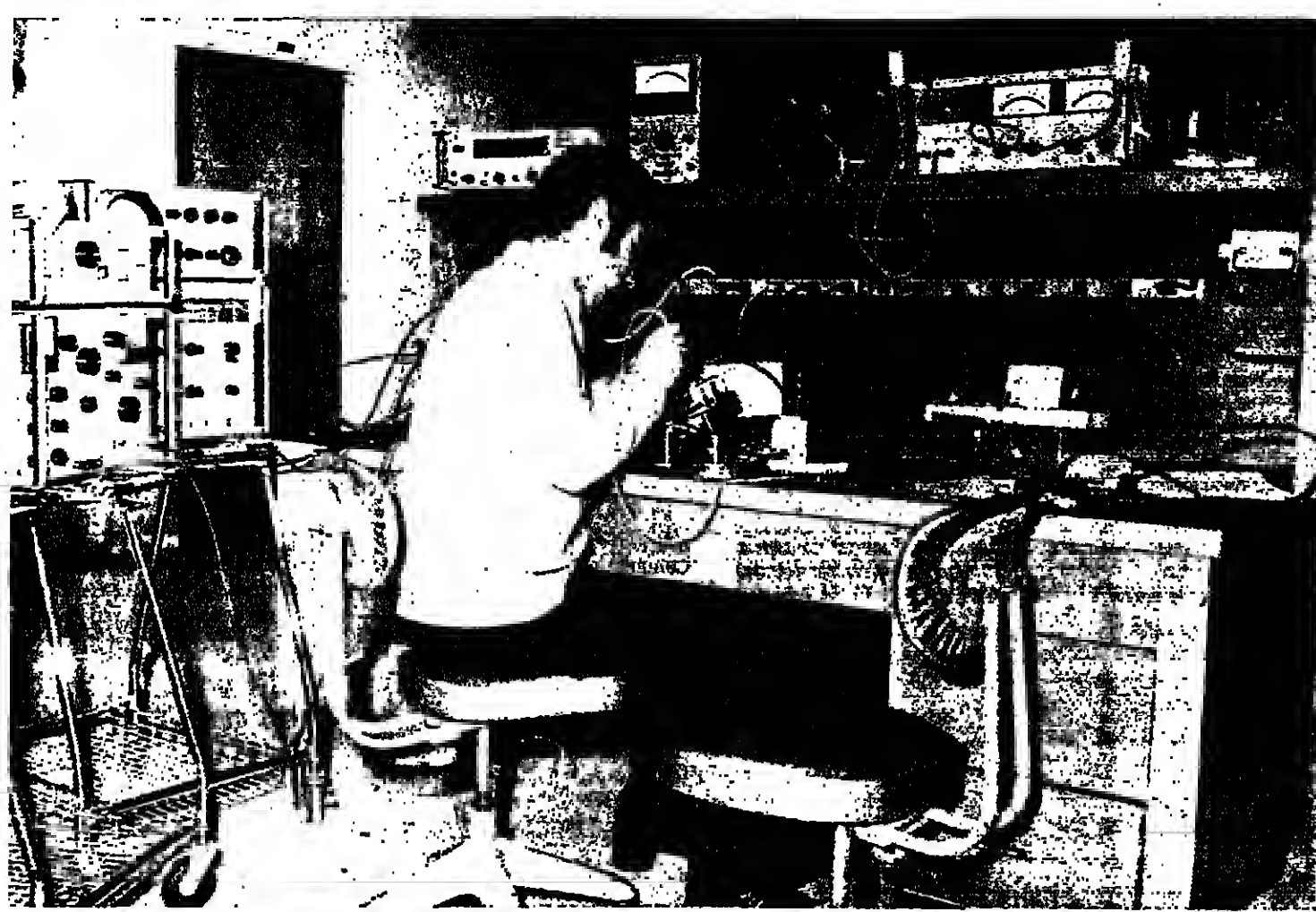
The RSS has a special interest in developing science education in Jordan. It has designed ripple tanks for use in school physics labs for example, and has printed 71 technical manuals and 13 textbooks.

Now it is just about to bring out a School Science Journal.

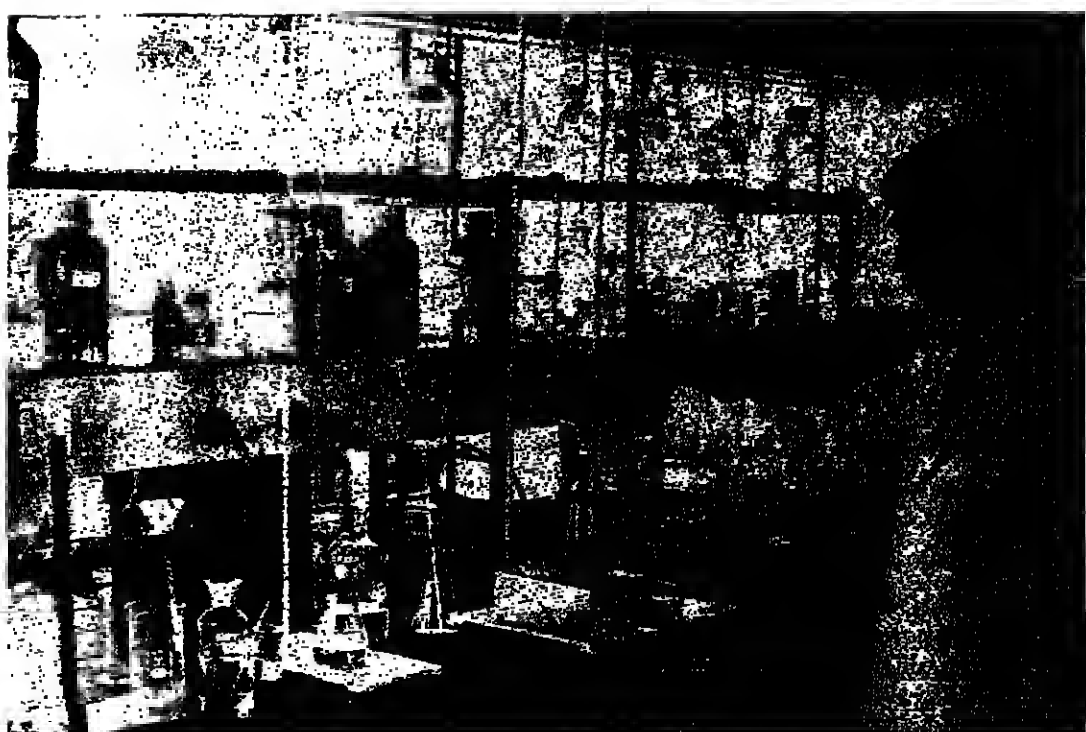
The RSS played a leading role in preparing for the Science and Technology Policy Conference which took place here in February.

But despite the society's "catalytic" role to date, Dr. Butros believes that the final responsibility for technology policy should not be given to a research institute, which would lack the necessary breadth of view. He told the Jordan Times that he thought the proposed national science policy council would probably be attached to the National Planning Council. This arrangement would be one way of responding to the need to tie in technological development with social and economic goals.

Concluding his lecture, Dr. Butros conceded that the RSS would remain a controversial institution, viewed by some as an expensive experiment, -- at least until it made some "break-through" that appealed to the public. But he defended its usefulness by putting the running costs of the society in the context of the "mind-boggling" sums that the Arab World spends as a matter of course on the technology and research which is built into goods bought from abroad.



A student in an electronics lab. at the Royal Scientific Society.



A chemical researcher in one of the labs at the RSS.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

Comedy Theatre

Tonight is the opening night of the Amman Players' new comedy, "The Bride and the Bachelor." The play is showing at the Jordan Theatre on Jabal Lrwelbeh for three nights starting at 8:00 p.m.

Friends of Archaeology

Dr. Fawzi Zaydine will be guiding an excursion to Azraq, Kasarama and Horana. The caravan will leave at 7:30 a.m. Friday from in front of the Department of Antiquities. All interested in joining on this trip are requested to bring a picnic lunch.

Concert

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Wind Quintet of Radio Baden-Baden will give a concert, including works by Franz Danzi, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Anton Reicha, at the Maya Arts Centre. The concert is presented in cooperation with the Goethe Institute. Admission free.

Flower exhibition

A flower exhibition at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel today will be opened at 4:00 p.m. by Her Majesty Queen Zayn. A tea-party will follow. Tickets (JD 2.500 each) are available at the door.

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EEC warned not to run into dangers of protectionism

BRUSSELS, May 3 (R). — West German Economic Affairs Minister Otto Lambsdorff has warned the European Common Market not to resort to protectionism to insulate outmoded industries from the effects of foreign competition. He told a meeting of EEC Foreign Ministers yesterday that protectionist policies would lead to retaliation from the community's trading partners and endanger its relations with the Third World.

He said such policies would also increase world-wide pessimism about economic growth — something which the community as the world's largest trading bloc had a responsibility to avoid.

Speaking during discussion of an Irish request for tougher trade barriers against cheap imported shoes, Mr. Lam-

bsdorff said West Germany had only approved EEC import restrictions in the steel and textile sectors with considerable reservations, and in order to avoid the prospect of some states taking separate national measures.

Calling for a more laissez-faire approach to commerce, the West German minister said grants and loans to out-

dated and uneconomic industries often meant their artificial preservation. This meant more efficient plants could not be built, or other more productive sectors were starved of investments. The task of the Common Market was not to tell industry where to adapt but to guarantee an open market and liberalise trade, he said.

Eight Gulf states step up work for joint anti-pollution centre

GENEVA, Switzerland May 3 (AP). — As the French navy continues the task of cleaning up the Brittany coastline following the Amoco Vador disaster, eight oil-producing countries in the Gulf have pledged cooperation to prevent the widespread pollution caused by the accident from being repeated in their own narrow waters.

The establishment in Bahrain of an Emergency Mutual Aid Centre is a key item in the \$6 million anti-pollution campaign just agreed by the Gulf states of Bahrain, Kuwait,

Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

"It will mean all eight countries immediately becoming involved in rescue and clean up operations resulting from any similar disaster," said Mohammed Tange, Programme Officer of the Geneva-based United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), sponsors of the Kuwait meeting which set the Gulf centre in motion.

"It will mean the centre can order a tug boat from Iran, a special chemical from Iraq — whatever, in fact, would be needed."

The centre is one of several anti-pollution measures agreed by the Kuwait conference. A second priority is the setting up of a permanent pollution monitoring system quickly identifying origin and size of oil spills. A third is a close scrutiny of uncontrolled dumping and waste disposal into the Gulf's shallow, warm and fish-filled waters.

The speed at which the eight states were prepared to fund the action plan (only \$500,000 is coming from UNEP) and put their pens to two treaties of cooperation reflected the urgent need for a wide-scale anti-pollution programme in the Gulf.

Japan's Fukuda discusses economic problems in U.S.

WASHINGTON, May 3 (R). — Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda yesterday began two days of talks with American officials on economic problems, particularly his country's massive balance of trade surplus with the United States.

After a working lunch with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, he met the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and members of the House of Representatives. Discussions with President Carter at the White House were due today.

Mr. Fukuda's talks were expected to focus mainly on Japan's \$8.9 billion trade surplus with the United States and American concern over ways of reducing it. In talks in Tokyo in January, both countries pledged to strengthen bilateral trade relations and promote world economic recovery.

Japan indicated it would make every effort to reduce the surplus and try to achieve seven per cent growth this year.

The United States said it intended to enact effective energy legislation, reduce dependence on imported oil as a means of improving its balance of payments position, and increase exports.

Soviet oil production may soon fail to meet East European needs

VIENNA, May 3 (R). — The Soviet Union may be unable to meet East European energy needs in the 1980s, forcing its allies to turn to world markets for crude oil, Austrian researchers have said.

The Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studies said yesterday the Soviet Union was already unable to meet planned oil production targets and would need increasing quantities for its own use in the next decade.

Annual production increases had dropped from over seven per cent five years ago to five per cent in 1977, nearly one per cent below target.

Most of the country's huge untapped reserves are in remote areas of Siberia where exploitation would be uneconomical, the report said.

Romania covers its needs from its own wells and Middle East imports, but the rest of Eastern Europe draws 85 per cent of its oil from the Soviet Union — about 80 million tonnes of crude annually.

The Vienna institute, in a survey of Soviet Bloc economies, predicted a gloomy outlook for East-West trade. East European countries were growing more dependent on the Soviet Union and reluctant to import from the West, it said. The East Bloc states needed to reduce huge deficits dating back to the late 1960s and early 1970s when they spent heavily on capital goods from the West to develop and modernise industries.

Their hopes of offsetting these costs by increased exports from the new plants had been dashed by the West's economic recession.

The report said another factor was the Communist Bloc's own slump, with growth rates plunging and few East European states likely to fulfil planned targets by 1980.

It blamed old-fashioned industrial planning and control for many of the area's problems, and said a rigid, centrally-planned economy such as the Soviet Union's was incapable of dealing with the complexities of an advanced industrial state. It said countries with more flexible and liberal economic structures, such as Hungary, had maintained higher growth rates and boosted efficiency and productivity.

But political problems, especially rising expectations among ordinary people, also contributed to the Soviet Bloc's economic difficulties, the institute said.

Communist authorities were now having to pump money into producing consumer goods instead of putting it into capital investment.

The Vienna institute said East Europe had started to turn away from the West in its search for new markets. In 1977 the Soviet Union boosted exports to developing countries by 42 per cent, but held down its increase in imports from them to seven per cent.

But despite growing problems affecting all its members, the Soviet Bloc managed an overall growth rate of 4.2 per cent last year — a figure which would be envied by many Western countries, the report said.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Manny Trillo of Chicago Cubs gives his team the winning run to beat Los Angeles Dodgers

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP). — Manny Trillo's tenth-inning double drove in the winning run yesterday as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4.

Pinch-hitter Rudy Meoli walked to open the tenth and was sacrificed to second. Trillo followed with his double off the left-centre field wall off loser Mike Garman, the third Los Angeles pitcher.

Bruce Sutter pitched 1-3 innings in relief of Cubs starter Rick Reuschel to pick up the victory.

The Dodgers had tied the game in the ninth on a two-run homer by pinch-hitter Lee Lacy that took starter Tommy John off the hook and preserved his unbeaten record.

In other National League action, Bob Forsch scattered five hits to hurl the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-0 decision over the San Francisco Giants.

Bob Ojeda scattered nine hits and Derrel Thomas scored a pair of runs to lead the San Diego Padres to a 2-1 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Biff Pocoroba's two-out, run-scoring single capped a two-run rally in the last of the ninth inning, giving the Atlanta Braves a 5-4 victory over the New York Mets.

Cold weather postponed the Houston-Montreal game.

In the American League, Lou Piniella belted a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead the New York Yankees to a 4-2 triumph over the Kansas City Royals and gave struggling Catfish Hunter his first victory of the season.

Lamar Johnson's first home run of the season, a two-run blast in the eighth inning, helped the Chicago White Sox to a 5-3 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Dennis Martinez stopped Boston on four hits and Eddie Murray homered in the seventh inning as the Baltimore Orioles downed the Red Sox 3-1.

In late American League

games on the West Coast, the newton slugged a two-run homer as the Cleveland Indians beat the Seattle Mariners 4-1. Gary Alexander hit his fifth game-winning home run of the season as the Oakland A's edged the Toronto Blue Jays 2-1 and Milt Wilcox pitched a four-hitter and Jason Thompson and Lance Parrish drove in three runs apiece as the Detroit Tigers defeated the California Angels 10-2.

Major league standings and results after Tuesday's games:

NATIONAL LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	11	7	.611	—
Montreal	11	8	.579	1
Chicago	12	9	.571	1
Pittsburgh	10	10	.500	2
St. Louis	10	12	.455	3
New York	10	14	.417	4

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	13	8	.619	—
Cincinnati	13	9	.591	1
San Francisco	11	11	.500	2
Houston	10	12	.455	3
San Diego	8	13	.381	5
Atlanta	8	14	.364	5

Tuesday's games:

St. Louis 8, San Francisco 0
Chicago 5, Los Angeles 4, 10 innings
Houston at Montreal, postponed, cold weather
San Diego 2, Pittsburgh 1
Atlanta 5, New York 4
Only games scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

EAST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Detroit	14	5	.737	—
New York	12	9	.571	3
Boston	12	10	.545	3
Cleveland	9	11	.450	6
Baltimore	9	12	.429	6
Milwaukee	9	12	.429	6
Toronto	—	14	.364	7

WEST:

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	17	5	.733	—
Kansas City	14	7	.667	2
California	14	8	.636	3
Texas	9	10	.474	6
Chicago	7	12	.368	8
Minnesota	8	16	.333	10
Seattle	8	19	.296	11

Tuesday's games:

Baltimore 3, Boston 1
New York 4, Kansas City 2
Chicago 5, Milwaukee 3
Oakland 2, Toronto 1
Detroit 10, California 2
Cleveland 4, Seattle 1
Only games scheduled.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8250/55	U.S. dollars
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	2.2220/35	Dutch guilders
	1.9590/9650	Swiss francs
	32.34/37	Belgian francs
	6.6120/70	French francs
	567.25/75	Italian lire
	2.2615/30	Japanese yen
	4.6275/90	Swedish crowns
	5.4075/95	Norwegian crowns
	5.6780/6800	Danish crowns

The market closed firm after a quiet session Wednesday and at 15:00 the F.T. index was up 2.8 at 472.4.

The U.K. reserve figures made little impact with the record fall of 3.78 billion dollars largely discounted. But equity leaders were slightly below the day's highs at the close. Government bonds held steady at the higher levels with gains ranging to 5/8 point.

Gold shares closed lower despite the rise in the bullion price. Levels eased ahead of the international monetary fund and reserve Bank of India gold auctions, they added. U.S. and Canadian stocks were narrowly mixed while Australians eased.

Price of gold closed in London Wednesday at \$170.45/oz.

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Richie revives ancient art of brick sculpture

Nothing new under the sun? Certainly so in the mercurial world of art, where even Surrealism can be compared with the imagery of the American Indians. So it is not surprising to learn that brick sculpture goes back many, many centuries.

By Charles Spencer
Former editor of
Art and Artists

LONDON, (LPS) — The old cliché about there being nothing new under the sun is particularly true about art. Almost every development in 20th century painting and sculpture finds its echo, if not necessarily its origin, in creative expressions of the past; Greek vase painting included geometrical abstraction; prehistoric cave paintings often look like Picasso drawings; even Surrealism can be compared with the strange, dream-like imagery of American Indians.

Precision and wit
So in considering Walter Ritchie's remarkable sculptures in brick one is impressed by the originality of his method, quite apart from the elegant precision and wit of his compositions.

But as he is only too anxious to explain, the history of using bricks, and even brick walls, as the basis of carving

ing goes back into the dim past. Not that he turned to the medium because of these past achievements: when the opportunity arose, after a distinguished career as a sculptor in more usual materials he carefully studied the rich historical background.

Walter Ritchie was born in Coventry, in the industrial Midlands of England, in 1919 and has been a professional sculptor for 35 years. His initiation, so to speak, came not from art and artists but from local monumental masons, craftsmen who in the ancient and medieval tradition contributed their skills to public buildings.

This has been a basic influence in Ritchie's life. He dislikes the modern art world setup (in fact the notion of art dealers, one man shows, or the artist struggling in his studio is a recent phenomena in the history of art) and avoids holding exhibitions, either collective or individual.

Interest in planning
Throughout his career he

has established working relationships with architects and builders and his interest in the environment extends to participation in town planning schemes.

At the age of 18 he entered Coventry School of Art, learning life drawing and modelling in clay then spent a year working with the famous sculptor Eric Gill training as a carver, including letter cutting.

This apprenticeship was chosen by Ritchie in line with his philosophy of the artist as the servant of society. Gill, perhaps the most distinguished architectural sculptor in Britain before World War II, was inspired by a religious faith to serve God and mankind.

Prefers to work alone

Having finished his training and apprenticeship Ritchie set up his studio at Kenilworth in the English Midlands -- away from the normal art centres -- and there he continues to operate. He prefers to work alone, even when tackling stone sculptures weighing up to 20 tons. He feels strongly that he must accept responsibility for the final conception, avoiding the confusion of styles and expression which often affect works of art completed by assistants. Mr. Ritchie, it will be ga-



Walter Ritchie working on a brick sculpture at his studio in Kenilworth in the English Midlands.

thered is a man of strong views, and on no subject is he more adamant than the pressures of the art establishment. "Only through the individualities of many painters and sculptors working in a climate free from artificial pressures may we hope for that rare and natural art that can lift the spirit and find a natural level with society." Inspired by these beliefs, Mr. Ritchie responded to the opportunity of working in brick, a common building material but one with a great artistic background going back to the 16th century B.C. in Babylon.

Bricks in the British Museum

The British Museum has some magnificent Persian friezes in colour glazed bricks, perhaps the finest works of art in the medium. The Chinese also developed brick sculpture during the Han dynasty of 300 B.C. and there is a long tradition of European achievement, notably during the Renaissance.

In modern times, especially in the Netherlands, architects and artists have collaborated on sand blasted brick carvings, mostly in abstract designs, and great artists such as Picasso and Henry Moore have had their work interpreted in this technique.

What makes Walter Ritchie unusual is his insistence on personally carving directly into existing brick walls, reliefs which cut forms into the material, and inlay designs where the figures are raised and often coloured. He is prepared to tackle any material -- there are about 200 kinds of brick, from soft surfaces to those as hard as granite -- and an immense range of colours.

Since Mr. Ritchie's first commission for a brick sculpture in 1950 he has undertaken a series of works, mostly in the English Midlands, the two most ambitious being a huge depiction of the Flight into Egypt for St. Joseph's church, Wymash, and a Crucifixion for Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley, Birmingham.

Sheer elegance

Perhaps the most immediate characteristic of Mr. Ritchie's art, apart from the various skills, is its sheer elegance. Whether working on religious or secular themes, he invests his figures with an economy of line and a balance of forms which harks back to his

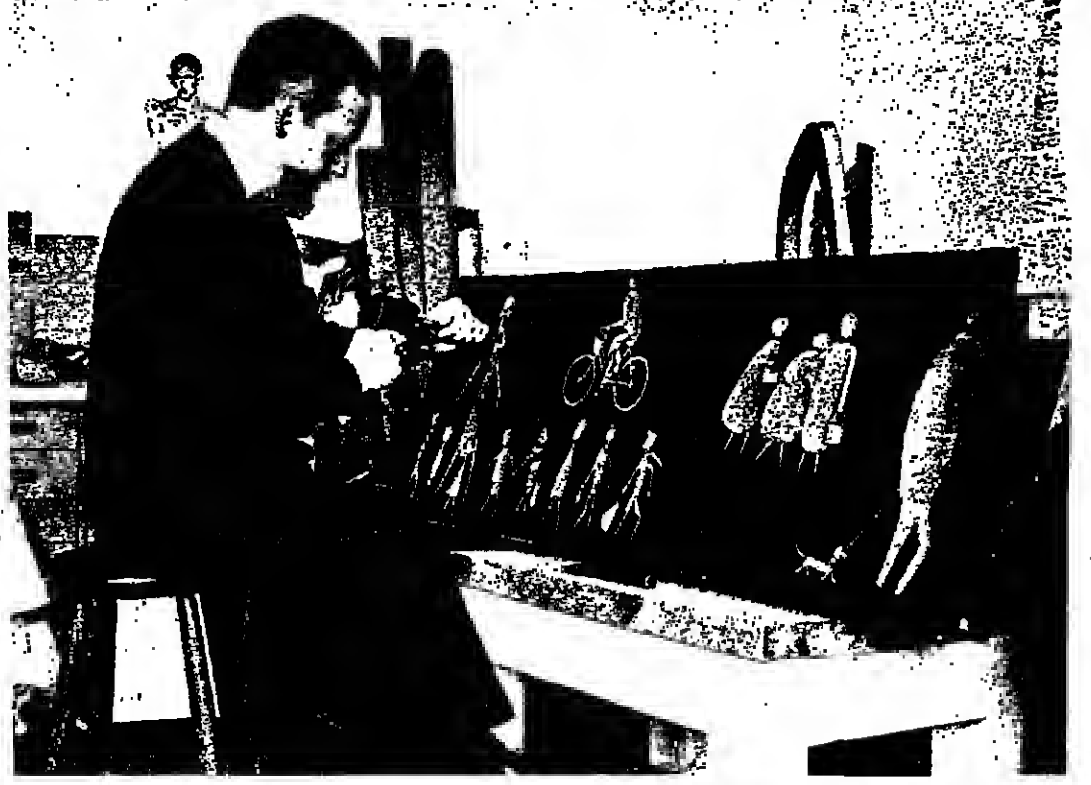
former master Eric Gill, and indeed to the great tradition of English craftsmanship and illustration.

The figure of Christ at Shirley is powerfully and economically delineated, expressing both physical strain and human tragedy. In contrast, the Flight into Egypt at St. Joseph's is a complex composition, full of dynamic movement.

Lowry like treatment

In other delightful panels Mr. Ritchie treats everyday life in the loving manner of that other great north of England artist L.S. Lowry, stylising the human form to near caricature, showing men with their dogs, women shopping, cyclists or crocodiles lines of schoolchildren.

Walter Ritchie's career justifies his belief that "a work of art is the unique work of one man" and represents the satisfying spectacle of an artist who has found the perfect material in which to exercise his personal skill and vision.



Walter Ritchie's brick sculpture Flight into Egypt, at St. Joseph's church, Wymash, in the English Midlands, with Father McKenna, the parish priest, looking on.

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GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
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Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♦ A J 9 8 2
♥ K 10 5 2
♦ 3
♣ 7 5 4
WEST
♦ Q 6 3
♥ Q 7 4
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ Q 10 3
EAST
♦ K 10 7 5
♥ 8 6
♦ K J 5
♣ K 9 8 6
SOUTH
♦ 4
♥ A J 9 3
♦ A 10 9 8 2
♣ A J 2
The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♥ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass
Pass Pass
Opening lead: Three of ♣.

One threat to a crossruff is that a defender might overruff and return a trump. The way to prevent that is to ruff so high that you can't be overruffed. South's technique in negotiating his contract of four hearts is worthy of study.

South selected one heart as his opening bid to provide for an easy rebid should his partner respond in spades or no trump. Had the opening bid been in first- or second-seat, North would probably have raised to four hearts, but he allowed some leeway for a possible light opening bid in third seat. South was better than minimum for his

opening, so he had no hesitation about contracting for game.

West led a low club, and declarer saw that he had a choice of attack plans. He could either play to establish dummy's spades, or go for a crossruff. Since entries to dummy were in short supply, a crossruff was the sounder line.

Declarer had three tricks in the side suits, so he had to score seven trump tricks to make his contract. That seemed no major feat providing that suits split normally and that he could prevent an overruff. After winning the ace of clubs, declarer cashed the ace of spades and ruffed a spade. Ace of diamonds and a diamond ruff put declarer in dummy for another, spade ruff.

Back to dummy with a diamond ruff for another spade lead. When East produced the last spade, declarer had to take care to guard against an overruff. He achieved this by ruffing with the ace of trumps for his eighth trick.

The contract was now assured regardless of which defender held the queen of trumps. Declarer simply led a diamond and ruffed with the king of trumps--his ninth trick. Now he led a spade and ruffed with the jack of trumps. He did not mind if East overruffed, for then the ten of trumps would be established as the game-going trick.

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes

THE BETTER HALF. By Barnes
Put me down as undecided -- whether to throw you off these steps or kick you off!!

Korean plane flier: Clues to incident in flight recorder but Soviets hold on to it

SEOUL, May 3 (R). — The navigator of the South Korean airliner forced down in northern Russia on April 20 said today the truth of what happened was to be found in the plane's flight recorder but the Russians were not giving it up. They had refused to let him copy this and other evidence for the investigation by South Korean officials, navigator Lee Kun-Shik told a news conference.

But the plane's pilot, Capt. Kim Chang-Kyu, said there would still be some way for the South Koreans to conduct their own probe.

The men, who returned home today, were asked why their Boeing 707 had strayed 1,000 miles off course during its polar flight from Paris to Seoul and why the flight error was not determined earlier.

"I still have no clear recollection and cannot give you responsible answers," Capt. Kim said. The navigator said the answer was to be found in

the flight recorder seized by the Russians.

The airliner of Korean Airlines (KAL) with 97 passengers and 13 crew was strafed by a Soviet fighter about seven hours after it left Paris, and two passengers were killed.

The surviving passengers and crew returned home early last week but the Russians held the captain and navigator until April 29.

The captain said he first realised the navigational error when the Soviet fighter appeared. He radioed without response.

As he was about to signal that he was aware his plane was off course, the fighter reappeared and an explosion shook the Boeing, Capt. Kim said.

The airliner made an emergency landing on a frozen lake near the city of Murmansk.

New York State votes against death penalty

ALBANY, New York, May 3 (R). — A move to reintroduce the death penalty in New York State failed last night when the state Senate was one vote short of overriding Gov. Hugh Carey's veto.

Democratic Sen. Israel Ruiz, under heavy pressure from other legislators, decided to vote against the controversial bill.

Apparently undecided until the last moment, he was quoted earlier as saying his district was overwhelmingly in favour of reinstating the death penalty.

The governor vetoed the bill last month after it was passed in March by the state Senate and Assembly.

Composer Khachaturyan is dead

MOSCOW, May 3 (R). — The death of composer Aram Khachaturyan marks the end of an era of the great Soviet composers of the 20th century.

For the 74-year-old Armenian, whose death was announced last night, was the last survivor of such household names as Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Rachmaninov.

One of the most versatile of all — his Sabre Dance made the pop hit parade in the sixties and he scored more than 20 films — he was also one of the most widely-travelled.

During his career of more than 50 years he visited 40 countries and often conducted performances of his own works by the world's great orchestras.

Although he received the highest honour in Soviet culture — People's Artist of the Soviet Union — Khachaturyan fell foul of the authorities during the Stalinist era.

Soon after World War II the Stalinist rulers laid down directives for Soviet composers and Khachaturyan was one of those criticised in a famous Communist Party decree for his "formalistic tendencies". He was told to write in a more popular fashion so that the masses could understand his works. But on the whole Khachaturyan was a writer of popular classics rather than intellectual music.

Apart from Sabre Dance, his other major ballet was Spartacus, picturing the revolt of the slaves in ancient Rome, and he also wrote three symphonies and numerous piano and violin concertos.

Khachaturyan and his late wife, Makarova — also a composer — lived for many years in a modest apartment block off Moscow's Gorky Street where his neighbours included Shostakovich and another composer, Georgi Kobalevsky.

Khachaturyan leaves a son, Karen.

"New right" emerges in U.S. over dissatisfaction with the Panama Canal Treaties

By Peter Kiernan

WASHINGTON, (R). — The extreme right has been quick to exploit what it sees as dissatisfaction among some Americans over the Panama Canal treaties.

The media started talking about the emerging "new right" when it referred to a groundswell of popular opposition to the signing of the recently ratified treaties turning over control of the canal to Panama by the year 2000.

The American Conservative Union offered one indication of the extent of that discontent when it reported receiving \$700,000 in contributions after airing a half-hour television documentary on the canal "give away" on independent stations around the country.

The union has doubled its membership in the past year to about 300,000 people.

The "new right"

Conservative spokesmen began to use the term "new right" to refer to its own activists who split from the tra-

Brezhnev's talks in Bonn expected to concentrate on detente, European disarmament, economic cooperation

BONN, May 3 (Agencies). — Prospects for further detente and disarmament in Europe are likely to dominate talks here tomorrow between Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Mr. Brezhnev has already thrown one card on the table by saying in a newspaper interview published here yesterday that the Soviet Union is ready in principle to accept a 50 per cent reduction of forces and weapons in Central Europe.

The important thing, he told the Social Democratic Party newspaper *Yorwaerts*, is that such an agreement would leave neither East nor West under a disadvantage.

The Western powers see the arms equation differently. Government sources said Mr. Schmidt would make clear West Germany's concern over the already big advantage which the Soviet Union has in tanks, medium-range missiles and men. An across-the-board reduction on the lines Mr. Brezhnev suggested is a non-starter, according to West German officials. They also stress that the talks are only exchanges of view, not negotiations, as West Germany is only one member of an alliance.

The Soviet and West German leaders are also bound to differ about the controversial neutron bomb. Talk last year of introducing the U.S.-developed weapon brought a strong reaction from the Soviet Union — and from some government circles here.

Nevertheless Chancellor Schmidt has made clear West Germany would accept stationing of the weapon on its soil if necessary. Despite President Carter's decision to defer production, the subject is felt certain to come up for discussion during the four-day visit beginning tomorrow.

In yesterday's interview the Soviet leader said his country had no aggressive intentions towards Western Europe or anyone else and was only interested in furthering the process of detente.

Mr. Brezhnev described the 1970 treaty between the Soviet Union and West Germany as "a cornerstone in the edifice of detente." Good relations between the two countries were a measure of the international scene as a whole, he said.

Other political topics which West German sources expect to be raised include the situation in the Middle East and Africa — particularly Rhodesia and Namibia (South West Africa) — United Nations problems and the North-South dialogue.

Informed sources at a West European foreign ministers meeting in Brussels yesterday also said the Soviet Union will sign a 25-year agreement on economic cooperation with West Germany.

The sources said they were not sure whether the accord would be signed during the Kremlin chief's visit to Bonn or only initially. The contents of the projected agreement were not specified. Such documents usually deal with the framework of economic relations and not with the details of trade.

The sources said the agreement would have an initial ten-year duration, renewable for three five-year periods. They also said the Moscow-Bonn agreement would be in the framework of European Common Market law.

N.Y. Gov. Carey decorated for his "staunch support of Israel"

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP). — New York State Gov. Hugh Carey, honoured by the Truman Institute yesterday for his "staunch support of Israel," said: "As governor of the second-largest Jewish state in the world, I have an obligation to all New Yorkers to speak out."

The governor was awarded the First Truman Medallion for his efforts on behalf of "Middle East peace" at the dinner sponsored by the Harry S. Truman Research Institute, named after the late president as tribute to his role in the establishment of Israel, and the American Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

"Harry Truman was the kind of leader who made things happen," Carey said. "He believed in the potential benefits for all the people of the Middle East in the establishment of the state of Israel. And he helped it happen. It is safe to say that Harry Truman was the greatest and firmest friend Israel has ever had in the United States," he said.

Noting that May 14 is the 30th anniversary of the founding of Israel, Carey said former President Truman was the first head of state to officially recognise Israel. He said celebration of the birth of Israel should also be "a renewal of our commitment for the future," when "the United States must stand by one of its closest friends and most valuable allies."

Carey spoke out against the proposed sale of "F-15 attack fighters to Saudi Arabia and 50 F-5E's to Egypt," which the governor said "can only weaken the military position of Israel." He also attacked the Palestine Liberation Organisation saying, "If Israel were to become vulnerable to Arab military strength," because of arms sales, "the PLO would move in like jackals."

Cyprus talks still lack agreed basis, Waldheim reveals

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R). — Secretary General Kurt Waldheim said there was no agreed basis for a resumption of inter-communal talks on Cyprus but promised to continue his efforts aimed at restarting the negotiating process.

In a statement issued yesterday through a spokesman, Dr. Waldheim noted that on April 19 he personally handed Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou in Nicosia a set of Turkish-Cypriot proposals he had received in Vienna six days earlier.

"Mr. Kyprianou informed the secretary general that these proposals were not acceptable as a basis for the resumption of inter-communal talks," the statement continued.

"Evidently there is a gap between the positions of the two parties as regards the basis for a resumption of the talks."

In these circumstances the secretary general in pursuance of the good offices mandate entrusted to him by the Secu-

riety Council in 1975, intended to continue his consultations "in order to clarify the positions of both sides in regard to a resumption of the negotiating process," the statement concluded.

Talks between representatives of the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities have been stalled for the past year. There have been six rounds of negotiations since the talks began in Vienna in April 1975, aimed at settling constitutional and territorial issues.

Following the occupation of the northern part of Cyprus by the Turkish army, the Turkish-Cypriots, accounting for about 18 per cent of the population, proclaimed a Federated State of Cyprus comprising nearly 40 per cent of the island's territory.

Turkey said its troops were sent in to protect the Turkish-Cypriot minority in the wake of a short-lived coup engineered by officers from mainland Greece.

JUMBLE.

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TOPIA
PHAMC
GLUEDE
BODLIE



Print answer here: A

Saturday's Jumbles: TESTY BRIAR FELLOW ALMOST

Answer: What the star crime reporter always was — FIRST WITH THE WORST

THE Daily Crossword

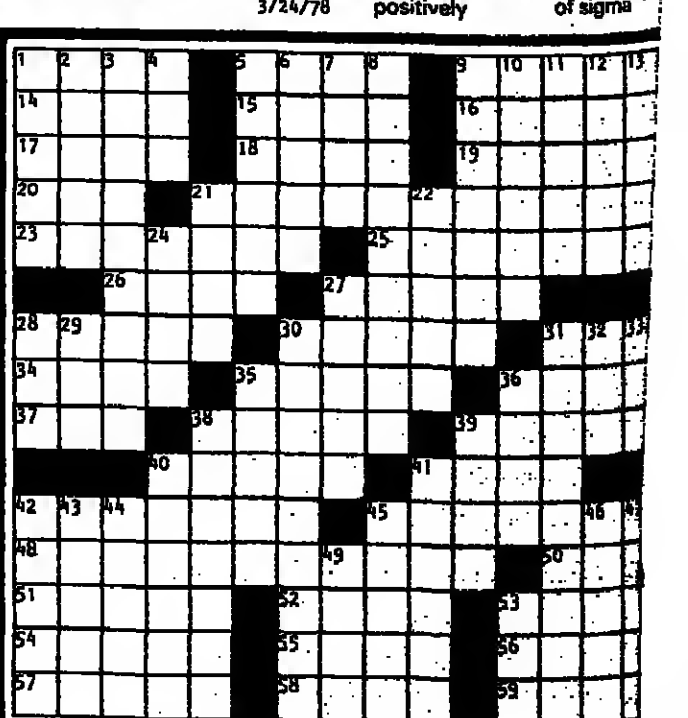
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Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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2 Asian capital
3 Spur
4 Cause of a princess' discomfort
5 Offspring
6 Full of pep
7 Care for
8 Auto part
9 States positively

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British people don't like 4-syllable words like me-tri-ca-tion

By James R. Peipert

LONDON, (AP). — "The British people don't like four-syllable words like me-tri-ca-tion," said former Labour prime minister Harold Wilson. It seems that Wilson was right.

The Labour government of James Callaghan, Wilson's successor, is having second thoughts about its plans for a compulsory shift from yards, gallons and pounds to metres, litres and kilograms by the early 1980's.

Last week John Fraser, the minister in charge of the change from imperial to metric measures, sent letters to about 100 organisations representing a broad range of British opinion asking their views on metrication.

"It is clearly impossible to proceed against a background of hostility," Mr. Fraser wrote. "Resistance against the recent metrication orders has led us to review whether we can still claim universal support."

Most other countries use the metric system devised by the Paris Academy of Sciences in 1791.

As a member of the Einaatio European Common Market since Jan. 1, 1973, Britain increasingly finds itself out of step with its continental partners because of its imperial system.

Anger aroused

The compulsory aspect of the changeover in Britain, and the idea that a shopkeeper could be fined and have the offending scales or tape measure confiscated by the state, has aroused particular anger in the press and among lawmakers and the general public.

Mr. Wilson warned early that metrication would face problems in a country that prides itself on tradition. He made his widely reported remark about metrication being a dirty word when his own Prices Secretary, Shirley Williams, was preparing metrication legislation before he resigned as prime minister April 5, 1976.

The Weights and Measures Act of 1976, which Mr. Callaghan's government finally pushed through parliament, allowed the phasing out of the imperial system, some of whose units have been used here since England was a part of the Roman Empire.

In April 1977, Mr. Fraser announced a timetable of cut-off dates, after which use of imperial weights and measures for various commodities would be illegal. Manufacturers and shopkeepers would then be subject to a maximum fine of £50.

The cutoff dates have to be approved by parliament, and the first few passed with no trouble. As of April 21, for example, manufacturers were required to package sugar and cookies in metric units and no longer print an imperial unit on the package.

But recently some members of parliament began to balk at passing the enforcement orders. Their opposition to the demise of the imperial system, reflecting a significant segment of opinion throughout the country, was what prompted Mr. Fraser's open letter.

The letter by Mr. Fraser, a junior minister in the department, went out to organisations that included the Trades Union Congress, the Confederation of British Industry, charities, consumer bodies and other special interest groups such as Age Concern.

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